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SUMMARY: IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH FONOFF, EMBOFFS ESTABLISHED THAT TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS WILL BE COVERED BY WRITTEN BRIEFINGS, RESTORED REVIEW OF PRESENT COOPERATION TO DISCUSSION SESSION, AND DISCUSSED US IDEAS ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ITEM AT LENGTH. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT'S COMMENTS ON PARA THREE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MARCH 18, EMBOFFS MET FONOFF OFFICIALS (MASUDA, HONDA, AND S. TANAKA, OF FIRST NORTH AMERICA DIVISIONN) AGAIN TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS.

2. TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS: FONOFF REPS INDICATED THAT, OF FOUR MINISTRIES WITH SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS NOT MEMBERS OF REVIEW PANEL, MAF, MOC, AND MPT HAVE AGREED TO SEND OBSERVERS. OBSERVERS WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO SPEAK AS SOURCE PERSONS IN DISCUSSION (SECOND) CYCLE OF MEETINGS. FONOFF REPS LIKED IDEA THAT THOSE NOT MEMBERS OF PANEL MIGHT STILL BRIEF IT AS OUTSIDE SOURCE PERSONS, BUT INDICATED THAT

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MOT WAS VERY RELUCTANT EVEN TO SEND OBSERVER TO PANEL MEETINGS

AND ATTRIBUTED THIS RELUCTANCE TO INTER-MINISTERIAL RIVALRIES AND "DEFENSIVENESS." THROUGH OBSERVERS OR OTHER AGENCY REPS (STA, MITI), JAPANESE SIDE WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON TOPICS ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS. FONOFF REPS SAID THAT A WRITTEN BRIEFING WOULD BE PROVIDED TO COVER TRANSPORTATION, BUT THAT THEY ARE SURE NO ORAL BRIEFING CAN BE MADE IN FIRST CYCLE. DISCUSSION OF TRANSPORTATION IN SECOND CYCLE IS, OF COURSE, NO PROBLEM. FONOFF OFFICIALS PROMISED TO TRY TO CONVINCE MOT OFFICIALS TO ATTEND MEETINGS AS OBSERVERS, AT LEAST.

3. STRUCTURE OF BRIEFING SESSIONS: FONOFF IDEA IS TO SET UP TOPIC-BY-TOPIC COVERAGE OF SCIENTIFIC FIELDS ON AGENDA AND SPEND ABOUT ONE HOUR ON EACH, DIVIDED INTO TWENTY MINUTES EACH FOR GOJ PRESENTATION, USG PRESENTATION, AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. EMBOFFS REPEATEDLY URGED FONOFF TO TAKE FLEXIBLE STANCE TOWARD SCHEDULING, OR AT LEAST CONDUCT, OF MEETING, AS PANEL MEMBERS' INTEREST MAY VARY FROM TOPIC TO TOPIC. QUESTION OF HOW TOPICS ON WHICH ONE SIDE WILL PRESENT ONLY WRITTEN BRIEFING ARE TO BE HANDLED IS STILL UNRESOLVED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY AS TO WHETHER US MEMBERS INTEND TO PRESENT ORAL BRIEFINGS ONLY ON WORK DONE BY AGENCIES THEY REPRESENT, AND AS TO WHETHER THEY EXPECT BOTH SIDES TO BRIEF ORALLY ON EACH TOPIC.

4. EMBOFFS RESTORED REVIEW OF PRESENT COOPERATION TO DRAFT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION SESSIONS AS FIRST HEADING UNDER EACH OF NINE TOPICAL AREAS LISTED. FONOFF HAS NO OBJECTION TO BRIEF TREATMENT THIS TOPIC IN DISCUSSION CYCLE AS WELL AS IN BRIEFINGS. EMBOFFS EMPHASIZED THAT REVIEW SECTION SHOULD BE BRIEF COMPARED TO DISCUSSION OF FUTURE COOPERATION AND THAT DISCUSSION WILL BE FREE AND DIRECTED TO TOPICS PANELISTS WISH TO DISCUSS.

5. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED TOPIC OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY AT LENGTH WITH FONOFF REPS, WHO FINALLY SUGGESTED SEPARATE MEETING ON THIS TOPIC TO EXPLAIN IT IN FURTHER DETAIL DIRECTLY TO OFFICIALS OF STA AND MITI. THIS MEETING IS NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 20. MINISTRIES SEEM VERY ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN AS MUCH SPECIFIC INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON WHAT TOPICS US WISHES TO DISCUSS UNDER THIS ITEM (NOW SIXTH BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION UNCLASSIFIED

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ITEM), SO EMBOFFS WILL DRAW AGAIN ON INFORMATION IN REFTELS (A), (B), AND (C) TO EXPLAIN THIS FULLY. FONOFF HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO ADVISE US THAT IT ACCEPTS THIS TOPIC.

6 KEIDANREN OFFICIALS HAVE SCHEDULED MEETING APRIL 9 FROM 1500 TO 1700 OR 1730. THEY EXPECT BRIEF EXPLANATIONS FROM DR. DAVID AND MR. YOSHIYAMA, CHAIRMAN, KEIDANREN COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY ABOUT TWO HOURS OF

FREE DISCUSSION. THEY HAVE NOT YET CHOSEN INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES. EMBOFFS URGED THEM TO DO SO.

7. EMBOFFS STRONGLY URGED FONOFF TO TRANSMIT GOJ BRIEFING PAPERS ONE BY ONE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. FONOFF AGREED TO, BUT DEADLINE IT HAS ESTABLISHED FOR OTHER MINISTRIES IS MARCH 25. EMBASSY BELIEVES EARLY ARRIVAL OF US SUMMARIES (REFTEL C, PARA THREE) WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL HELP IN STIMULATING FONOFF.

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